

# Hale Village Hall

**Trustees Annual Report for the period  
From 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 to 31st of December, 2024**

**Charity Name: Hale Village Hall,**

**Charity Registration Number: 1014055**

## **1. Objectives and Activities**

To manage and administer the affairs of Hale Village Hall to provide a safe and secure environment as a center of for community, social, cultural and recreational activities and to foster community well-being, social trust, cohesion and a sense of belonging amongst all residents.

**Our aim is:**

- i.** To provide a welcoming and vibrant community hub for community events that stimulates community engagement and lively social interaction for the wellbeing of the community and alleviates problems with physical and mental health issues caused by isolation and loneliness.
- ii.** To promote community diversity, equality and inclusion and foster a sense of belonging and community spirit amongst residents.
- iii.** To provide a first class, well equipped venue that takes advantage of the adjacent park to encourage active, healthier lifestyles for all ages, by offering facilities for indoor and outdoor sports, fitness classes for all ages, toddlers, development and encouragement participation in community life and arts and culture.
- iv.** To promote and organise social and fundraising events for the benefit of the charity and to support events that create a strong sense of community pride and identity by providing access to a wide range of interests.

Hale Village Hall is a new but traditional village hall used by the community for social gatherings, functions, activities, meetings, private parties and fundraising events, including the annual village events such as Family Christmas party and an Easter egg Hunt. The community has a long standing vested interest in the hall, owing to its considerable history and its proven significance for our rural village life.

The charity manages the Village Hall's affairs to provide a safe and secure environment for community, social, cultural and recreational activities for the 2000 plus residents of this rural village in Halton. It engages with and communicates to all sections of the community promoting events and activities that meet their needs, and to attract diversity and inclusiveness of use

## **2. Achievements and Performance.**

The Village Hall is a crucial meeting point for the community. It remains a focal point that is crucial for a community which sometimes needs moral support, compassion and a local place to go for affordable entertainment and a range of activities, the regular and long running knitting bowls keep fit, ballroom dancing and ladies group classes have been the mainstay of the community and the fundraising activities since the village hall charity was originally established, And they also remain so.

The charity is installing a new website in 2025 for its strong management disciplines and events such as dances, bowls, evenings, Lunch Club, Ladies group, knitting club and live events featuring local artists have encouraged social trust, cohesion and the sense of belonging.

Annual gatherings such as the annual senior citizens "Mingle and Jingle" event, the Halloween, Christmas and Easter children's events and assorted Qiz Nights, talent nights and Royal British Legion events help to address the cost of living crisis and can attract up to 175 family members and attendees at a time.

Activities such as those above, can have a positive impact on the physical and mental health of the community, bringing people together and the inclusion of any newcomers.

## **3. Renovation Project**

A major renovation project was undertaken during 2024 and the building is now in a good state of repair. It was resolved to audit the condition of the Village Hall on an annual basis to allow early detection of any remedial work required.

Estimates will be invited for any future work and the formal process will be followed to decide upon a preferred supplier for carrying out the work. Discussions to agree the project priorities, the scope of work, the budget and timings will need to take place and the Clerk will authorise the work. Fund raising activities, donations and assistance from volunteers of the community will ensure that work can be completed on time and within budget.

As part of the ongoing improvement package the Village Hall had the two side walls sound proofed using wood effect acoustic panels at a reasonable cost of £1496.00.

A new oven & hob were purchased to upgrade the kitchen facilities and an additional air fryer now supports the offering for hirers

## 4. Financial Review

The Charity Commission accounting period is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

During this period a number of issues were noted:

- i. A contribution of £31,000 by Hale Parish Council for Village Hall support was required to reinstate the reduced support in 2023. It meant that a subsequent increase in the Parish Council's Precept request was required to accommodate the additional requisite.
- ii. The historical gas bill which the Trustee had agreed to pay was finally paid within the period of twelve months.

## 5. Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity setup comprises the First Schedule to the Conveyance and Trust Deed dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 1974 as amended by resolution of Hale Parish Council as de facto sole charity trustee taken on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, in accordance with s280 of the Charities Act 2011 and approved by the Charity Commission on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, and by resolution of Hale Parish Council as sole trustee taken on **30<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

- i. **Bookings** - The re-employment of a previous bookings officer has substantially improved usage of all facilities and it is noted that the projected budget figures have been exceeded this year.

## 6. Reference and Administrative Details

<b>Charity Name:</b>	<b>Hale Village Hall Charity</b>
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	<b>1014055</b>
<b>Charity's Principle Address:</b>	<b>Hale Village Hall</b>
	<b>53 High Street</b>
	<b>Hale Village</b>
	<b>L24 4AE</b>

## **7. Trustee Name & Officers (If Any)**

**Sole Trustee:** **Hale Parish Council**

## **8. Declarations**

**The Trustee declares that it has approved the Trustee's Report above**

**Signed on behalf of the Trustee:**

**Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Hargreaves', written in a cursive style.

**Full Name:**

**Brian Hargreaves**

**Position:**

**Clerk and RFO**

**Date:**

**18/9/2025**

**Charity No. 1014055**

**HALE VILLAGE HALL  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**Gibson Schofield Ltd  
Chartered Certified Accountants**

<b>Report to the trustees of</b>	Hale Village Hall		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 December 2024	<b>Charity no</b>	1014055
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**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 24/09/2025

**Name:** Claire Schofield  
Gibson Schofield Ltd

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body** Chartered Certified Accountants

**Address:** Unit 5 Enterprise Greenhouse  
Salisbury Street  
St Helens  
WA10 1FY

## Hale Village Hall

### Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31st December 2024

	<b>31/12/2024</b>	<b>31/12/2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	31,000	3,000
Room hire	29,209	22,125
	<u>60,209</u>	<u>25,125</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bank charges	71	72
Salaries	30,057	22,056
Repairs and renewals	3,577	887
Supplies	4,294	1,700
Maintenance contract	743	258
Internet/website	1,225	667
Water	543	665
Licences	674	504
Electricity and gas	9,395	10,735
Rates	81	76
Miscellaneous	129	-
Subscriptions	305	159
Refunds	10	116
	<u>51,104</u>	<u>37,895</u>
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<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<u><u>9,105</u></u>	<u><u>- 12,770</u></u>

**HALE VILLAGE HALL**

**Reconciliation of Movement in Bank Accounts**

**For the year ended 31st December 2024**

<b>Opening balances at 1st January 2024</b>	<b>£</b>	
Current Account	6,241.53	
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Income for the year	60,208.57	
Expenditure for the year	<u>51,103.65</u>	
		9,104.92
		<u><b>15,346.45</b></u>
<b>Closing balances at 31st December 2024</b>		
Current Account	<u>15,346.45</u>	
		<u><b>15,346.45</b></u>

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 20th January 2025, I approve the financial information which comprises the receipts and payments account and the reconciliation of movement in bank accounts. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information and for providing Gibson Schofield Ltd all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

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Trustee

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Date

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